

Council on Postsecondary Education
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2011-12 Accountability Report

The Council submits an annual Accountability Report to the Office of the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission as directed by KRS 164.020(3). The purpose of the report is to inform policymakers and the public of the system-wide progress made in advancing the goals of “Stronger by Degrees: A Strategic Agenda for Kentucky Postsecondary and Adult Education” and the *Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997* (HB 1).

The Council tracks progress on 26 metrics in the areas of college readiness; student success; research, economic, and community development; and efficiency and innovation. Each metric is assigned an arrow that indicates if the state is on track to meet its 2014 target, is making some progress, is holding steady, or is losing ground. A star indicates that the target has been reached ahead of schedule.

The report is currently being finalized and will be distributed at the November meeting. Highlights include:

- Kentucky made strong gains in the area of college readiness, but the college-going rate and GED attainment declined.
- Degree production and graduation rates increased at all levels, but there are still significant graduation rate gaps for underprepared, low-income, and underrepresented minority students.
- Kentucky continues to lose ground on metrics related to adequate funding and affordability.
- The system has exceeded its 2014 targets in the areas of transfer, graduate degrees conferred, and degrees and credentials awarded in STEM+H fields. Council staff will work with the institutions to set new targets for these metrics.

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